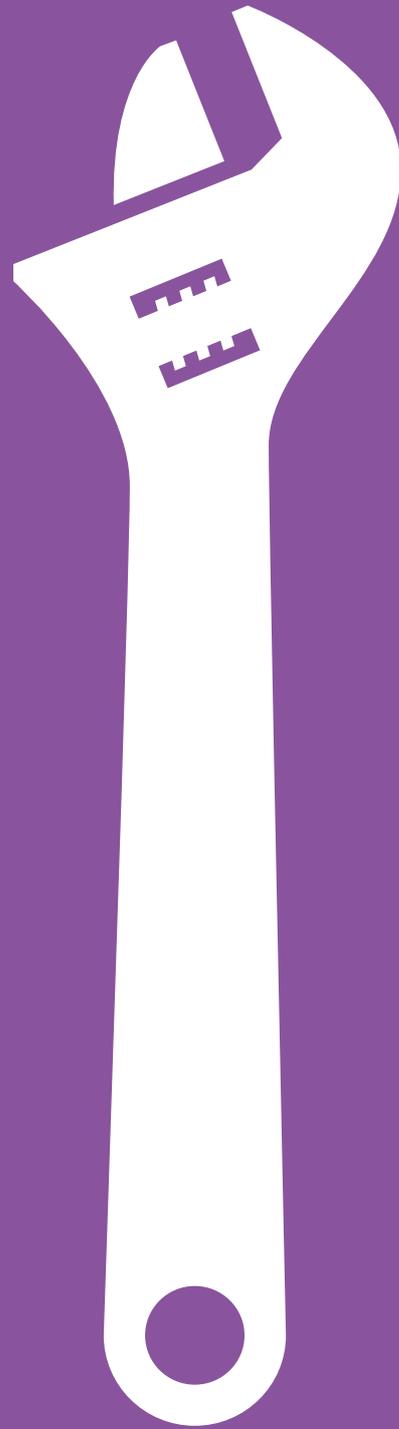


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If you like making things, whether that's sewing, basket weaving or pattern making, a career in creative design and production can be very rewarding. You'll have to work hard at your craft, whether that's in response to a brief for clients or working independently and producing items for sale. You'll need to be able to sell yourself or have some entrepreneurial spark to succeed.

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Creative Design and Production

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## Sectors to explore

An understanding of creative design and production can help you progress in a variety of different sectors. Here are just a few to get you started:

### Furniture manufacturing

If you make furniture for a living, you could be producing a functional piece that is used every day or something more unique that creates a focal point in a room. You may want to specialise in something like carpentry or joinery, to help you understand how to cut and shape wood to create a piece of furniture.

### Jewellery making

From beads and costume jewellery to working with diamonds, you'll need a steady hand and an eye for detail to create special pieces. You could start independently, like 33% of craft workers, selling your creations on websites like Etsy or Not on the High Street where people look for unique and quirky items, alternatively you could use your own website.

### Tailoring and clothing alterations

Understanding how to cut and sew fabric to make, mend or alter clothes is a great skill. You could create things from scratch or use your knowledge to make items like wedding dresses and suits, fit like a glove.

### Printing services

The printing press changed the world and it continues to be integral in the production of all sorts of things from flyers, brochures and magazines to large scale exhibition graphics. Technology evolves quickly and new equipment such as machines for 3D printing and modelling, make this an interesting sector to explore.

**V Certs** and other qualifications to consider include:

- **NCFE Level 2 Certificate** in Creative Studies: Craft

This is just the **beginning...**

## Routes to success

If you choose to study **Creative Design and Production**, there are a number of routes you can take to further your career such as:

### • Further study at university or college

A degree in Craft or Creative Arts will give you further, in depth knowledge of different craft disciplines. You'll be able to experience what it's like to work as part of a team and on your own. University will give you access to materials and equipment, which is often expensive, that you might not encounter working on your own.

### • Apprenticeships

You'll be working to a set programme of learning whilst earning money as an apprentice. This will provide you with a structured training period with a solid foundation of knowledge from which to progress in this sector.

### • Working for a company

89% of craft related companies have fewer than 10 employees, so you'll learn from a close knit and knowledgeable group. They may work in specialist settings such as a forge for creative metal workers or in workshops. You could find yourself in an entry position using your current skills and work your way up whilst you learn.

## Where next?

We understand the amount of information out there can be daunting. To help, we've included a small collection of useful websites for you to visit:

**The National Careers Service** website offers an overview of many different careers. It's a great starting point to help you take your first step towards planning your career. [www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)

**All About Careers** includes really useful information about specific career opportunities. You can also take a career 'test' which will give you ideas about industries you might want to explore further based on your answers. [www.allaboutcareers.com](http://www.allaboutcareers.com)

**The National Apprenticeship Service** offers information about what apprenticeships are and how they work. It's particularly useful as a general introduction and to help you and your parents understand the opportunities an apprenticeship offers. [www.getingofar.gov.uk](http://www.getingofar.gov.uk)

**Not Going to Uni** is a website that aims to offer a full range of options and choices if you feel that university is not the route for you. [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

**Which University?** is a website that can help you decide what to study, where to study and how to get there. [www.university.which.co.uk](http://www.university.which.co.uk)

**REED Salary Checker** can help if you're curious about what your earning potential could be in your chosen career. [www.reed.co.uk/average-salary](http://www.reed.co.uk/average-salary)